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- On 14 February 1950 General KUNG Chao-yuan (蔣兆慶), former divisional commander in the 19th Route Army and subordinate of TS'AI T'ing-k'ai, stated that he planned to leave Hong Kong in late February for the purpose of visiting overseas Chinese communities in Southeast Asia and discussing with local leaders the possibility of organizing an anti-Communist movement. He was planning to begin his work in North Borneo. KUNG believes that it is essential to organize and propagandize the Chinese in Southeast Asia as soon as possible to combat the influence of TAN Kah Kee, who can pretend to speak with authority as the result of his travels and his position in Communist China.
- Although KUNG previously had only a very small following, his prestige has increased during the past year. The Chinese in Southeast Asia will listen to him because of their eagerness to learn about the situation in China proper.
- General KUNG is at present connected with the Young China Party.

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Comment. In view of General KUNG's earlier associations, his present activity is surprising.

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